

Speech and Hearing Professionals Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
July 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Speech and Hearing Professionals Advisory Committee was held on July 16, 2014 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was chaired by Allen Rohe and minutes recorded by Melanie Rogers.

Committee Members in Attendance: Robert Baber, Jean Brown, James Cvetko, Lynn Meyer, Melanie Rogers, Allen Rohe, Pragathi Tummala

Committee Members Absent: Michael Fucci, Michele Michaels, Mark Syms

Other Attendees: Jay Griffin, Lynne Remson

Meeting convened at 2:41 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the April, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Corrections to be made on the title for Dr. Rohe and Dr. Rigo. Correction to add introduction of Ms. Tummala at meeting. Mr. Baber moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cvetko. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of new committee member, James Cvetko.

Dr. Rohe opened the table for comments. No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Tummala updated the committee and let them know that the new rules have been released. Training will be provided by the department for all licensees at this location. Ms. Tummala was asked about the possibility of providing CEU for the training and she said she would look into it. The web portal has been updated to include credit card processing of fees.

Discussion regarding ideas about providing licensees with information about new rules. Suggestion for Mr. Griffin to present session at next ASHA conference. Currently, no metrics are available to track email open rates, but Ms. Tummala did share that licensees are required to update their email address when it changes.

Discussion regarding comments left on rules. Ms. Tummala shared that most of the comments left were clarifying comments, and most were positive comments on the new rules.

Mr. Griffin updated the committee about the Examining Committee. A flow chart regarding activities and members of that committee was shared. Discussion ensued about how members were chosen, and note was made that the committee still needed an ENT. Discussion was had regarding the balance between new committee members, and those with prior experience and how there should be a balance. The Examining Committee has a one year commitment. Discussion regarding the importance of someone on the committee having experience in writing questions, and it was suggested that an academic be included. Ms. Tummala had a trainer in mind to ask for input.

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The committee expressed surprise that the jurisprudence portion of the HAD exam is no longer required. Potential licensees can take the IHS online portion of the exam at any time, and the department plans to offer the Practicum quarterly.

Ms. Tummala shared that new licensing procedures are being put into place in the department to help customer service.

Dr. Rohe opened the table for comments.

Dr. Remson reminded the committee that the 2 MD's on the committee have expired terms, and suggested the committee consider extending their terms further.

Dr. Remson shared that in the past, Amy Heck and Rohno Geppert did presentations at the ARSHA convention when the rules and statutes were last changed.

Dr. Remson shared that she would like a certificate of appreciation, and requested one for Thomas Rigo as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Baber that the committee recommend that the director extend the terms of the two medical doctors until June 30, 2015. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued that the committee needed to find a speech language pathologist and an audiologist to replace members who have left. Discussion regarding where to look, and suggestions were made to send out mass emails. Ms. Tummala planned to send out email blasts seeking MDs, SLP and an audiologist by the following Monday. Committee was reminded that the necessary application was online, and committee was encouraged to ask those they knew. The deadline will be set for August 30, 2014, and Ms. Tummala will email the committee members all applicant applications so decisions can be made at the October meeting.

Discussion regarding the working group for filling vacancies had not yet met. Decision made to meet one half hour prior to October meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Meyer to provide certificate of appreciation for past members Lynne Remson and Thomas Rigo. Motion seconded by Mr. Baber. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Tummala will see to creating certificates.

No Confidential Session items on the agenda.

Dr. Rohe adjourned the meeting at 4:07PM

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The working group for filling committee vacancies will meet at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

Additional Items to Complete:

- Binder for Committee Chair
- Letterhead for the committee and logo ideas for the committee

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- Knowledge transfer
- Packets for new members
- Soliciting new member open plan/continuous application process